

Application No. 08/300,484

REMARKS

The Examiner's time and courtesy in conducting the telephone interviews has been appreciated. Claims 1-38 have been canceled. Claim 1 has been rewritten more succinctly as claim 39. Claims 40-67 correspond to claims 10, 2-9 and 11-29, respectively. The differences are that the recitations "the steps of" and "the step of" have been deleted, multiple dependencies have been introduced, the dependency of claim 53 (old claim 15) has been changed to claim 39 (old claim 1) and claim 40, and in claim 61 (old claim 23) the function of the enzyme is correctly defined as "catalyzing". Claims 30-38 are being canceled without prejudice for the purpose of being prosecuted in divisional and continuation applications. Accordingly, no new matter has been added. Entry of the Amendment is therefore requested.

Applicants submit that the present amendment places the claims in condition for allowance. An early Notice to this effect is therefore solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned if he has any further questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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